



We are excited to share good news regarding OBTU fund raising successes:

1. OBTU is Awarded TU National “Embrace a Stream” Grant
2. OBTU Sweepstakes Winners Announced

Enjoy!

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### 1. OBTU is Awarded TU National “Embrace a Stream” Grant:

Its time to celebrate! OBTU was awarded an \$8,000 “Embrace a Stream” grant by TU National. This year the Trout Unlimited National Organization awarded 17 monetary grants among the approximately 350 Trout Unlimited Chapters through its Embrace a Stream program. The OBTU Conway Creek Restoration project application has been selected as one of the winners!

The Conway Creek Restoration project will transform approximately one half mile of Conway Creek into excellent trout habitat near its juncture with Tainter Creek in Soldiers Grove, WI. Oak Brook Trout Unlimited is working with a bevy of partners including the Coulee Chapter, the Blackhawk Chapter, the Tainter Creek Watershed Farmer Led Council and the University of Wisconsin, Madison. And, the Trout Unlimited Driftless Area Restoration Effort (TUDARE) is leading the group by designing and managing the project.



Section of Conway Creek to be rehabilitated (near its juncture with Tainter Creek)



This grant also opens up added matching fund opportunities for OBTU. For example, for each added dollar donated, Orvis will contribute \$0.50 to the project. Stay tuned for more details.

## 2.) OBTU Sweepstakes Winners Announced

The OBTU Summer 2020 Sweepstakes is in the books. We are pleased to report that this online fund raiser **netted \$3,865 for OBTU's conservation and education funds** which exceeded expectations. As one of the first TU chapters to use the new platform, **OBTU proceeds included a \$1,000 prize from EventGroove**, the platform developer. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Sweepstakes.

### **Winners in the 2020 Rod Raffle are:**

**First Prize** (Orvis Helios 3D Fly Rod):

**Paul McCall**



**Paul McCall, the 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner**



**Paul on the Pere Marquette**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prizes** (2 Temple Fork Outfitters BVK Rods):

**John O'Connell, and  
Dennis Wisnosky**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes** (10 Ketchum Release tools):

**Cheryl Vermillion,  
Bryan Webster,  
Paul McCall,  
Eric Colgan,  
Mark Armstrong,  
Dennis Wisnosky,  
Alec Loudonback,  
Kenneth Isaacs,  
James Hohenberger, and  
Keith Gabriel**